

House Resolution No. 3715

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens or distinguished themselves through significant personal achievement; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Dr. Zelda Quarles Birdsong, of Chicago, Illinois, who will be recognized as a nonagenarian member of the Women's Missionary Society during the Annual Conference of the Southeast Missouri, Illinois, and Wisconsin Region of the Third Episcopal District Christian Methodist Episcopal Church to be held in early August of this year in St. Louis; and

Whereas, the Women's Missionary Society and Missionary Region President Christine S. Buchanan are saluting all the pioneering members of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church who have been blessed to live ninety years or more to show God's strength to all the generations that have followed them and in recognition of the Society's 90th anniversary; and

Whereas, born December 18, 1908, and a retired teacher and federal government supervisor, Dr. Birdsong is a loyal and faithful member of the St. Paul CME Church since 1939; and

Whereas, Dr. Birdsong is a member of the CME Hall of Fame, retired member of the Judicial Council of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, and an active participant in her community block club; and

Whereas, the second President of Presidents for the Women's Missionary Council of the CME Church, Dr. Birdsong holds an Honorary Doctorate from Miles College and was named Chicago District Missionary of the Year, Southeast Missouri, Illinois, and Wisconsin Region Missionary of the Year, Outstanding Missionary of the Year for the CME Connection, Special Service Recognition Award from Allen Metropolitan CME Church in Chicago; and

Whereas, Dr. Birdsong has also been lavishly honored by the St. Paul CME Church in Chicago with awards that include the Missionary of the Year, St. Paul's Local Women's Missionary Society's 100th Anniversary Special Recognition Award, Steward of the Year, and Woman of the Year, and she was named the first female Steward and is a former Director of Christian Education:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere congratulations to Dr. Birdsong on the illustrious occasion of being recognized as a nonagenarian member of the Women's Missionary Society, with our most sincere wishes for continued happiness and success; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Dr. Zelda Quarles Birdsong and the Women's Missionary Society.

Offered by _____

Representative Juanita Head Walton
District No. 81

Representative Esther Haywood
District No. 71

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3715, adopted July 25, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker